

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF: GRUTKE ET AL.

SERIAL NO. 10/088,407

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FOR: BIODEGRADABLE THERMOPLASTIC MOLDING COMPOSITIONS

MAIL STOP: RCE

CONFIRMATION No.: 2960

GROUP ART UNIT: 1714

EXAMINER:

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Honorable Commissioner

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 which is filed in response to the final Office action of May 05, 2004. For further prosecution, kindly enter and consider the following preliminary amendment and remarks:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 1 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.